

MARYLAND HEALTH CARE COMMISSION

Summary of the Healthcare-Associated Infections (HAI) Advisory Committee Meeting

December 10, 2009

Committee Members Present

Maria E. Eckart, RN, BSN, CIC
Elizabeth P. (Libby) Fuss, RN, MS, CIC
Wendy Gary, MHA
Anthony Harris, MD, MPH (via telephone)
Debra Illig, RN, MBA, CLNC
Lynne V. Karanfil, RN, MA, CIC (via telephone)
William Minogue, MD (via telephone)
Michael Anne Preas, RN, BSN, CIC (via telephone)
Brenda Roup, PhD, RN, CIC
Renee Webster

Committee Members Absent

Beverly Collins, MD, MBA, MS
Sara E. Cosgrove, MD, MS
Jacqueline Daley, HBSc, MLT, CIC, CSPDS
Andrea Hyatt
Peggy A. Pass, RN, BSN, MS, CIC
Carol Payne
Eli Perencevich, MD, MS
Jack Schwartz, Esq.
Patricia Swartz, MPH, MS

Public Attendance

Katherine Feldman, DVM Department of Health and Mental Hygiene
John Krick, Ph.D, Department of Health and Mental Hygiene
Beth Rowse, BSN, RN, CIC, Department of Health and Mental Hygiene

Commission Staff

Pam Barclay
Mariam Rahman
Deme Umo
Eileen Witherspoon
Judy Wright

1. Welcome and Introductions

Pam Barclay, Director, Center for Hospital Services, called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. and stated all who were present in person and on the phone.

2. Review of Previous Meeting Summary (December 1, 2009)

There were no changes to the meeting summary.

3. Review and Discussion of Revised Draft Maryland HAI Prevention Plan

Ms. Barclay reviewed the most recent changes made to the draft Maryland HAI Prevention Plan, including the executive summary. She noted that the plan will be updated and revised in the future. She changed an activity of the Infection Prevention Subcommittee to develop an inventory of State-level infection prevention and control programs, identify gaps in existing infection prevention and control programs, and recommend strategies to increase impact where appropriate. She added language about the development of a website to provide information about HAI prevention planning activities. Laboratory activities were also incorporated into the revised draft. Dr. Feldman reported that there is not a timetable for getting all hospitals on the electronic laboratory reporting system. Ms. Barclay also reported that new members have been added to the HAI Advisory Committee to enhance coordination

efforts. Ms. Gary said she had shown the plan to her pharmacy staff and they suggested adding a pharmacist to the HAI Advisory Committee. She said pharmacists are involved in antimicrobial use and surgical care improvement, among other relevant HAI initiatives. Ms. Barclay suggested a dialysis center professional also be added to the group. Ms. Barclay said the stakeholders need to be expanded as well as the focus of the HAI Advisory Committee. Ms. Illig suggested bringing antimicrobial stewardship to the forefront in the plan as a future initiative.

Ms. Barclay reviewed a second component of the plan: HAI surveillance, detection, reporting, and response, including outbreak investigation and communication along with priority prevention targets for surveillance. HAI Advisory Committee members discussed health care worker (HCW) seasonal influenza vaccination in the hospital and other settings. Ms. Barclay said the committee should revisit the possible use of the NHSN module on HCW influenza vaccination data reporting. Ms. Barclay said the committee will need to decide on how to publicly report the data through the Hospital Performance Evaluation Guide. She noted that data auditing must be incorporated in future initiatives and has already begun with the CLABSI data.

Ms. Barclay also led a discussion on the implementation of HICPAC recommendations and establishing a prevention working group. Ms. Fuss suggested adding MDRO HICPAC recommendations to the list. A subcommittee will be established early in 2010 to guide the work of the prevention collaboratives. Dr. Minogue suggested changing the language on Objective 3.1 from initiating to preparing for the MDRO Prevention Collaborative by July 1, 2010. The date should also be changed to January 1, 2011 to start the collaborative. The committee discussed the need for more training for hospitals on HAI surveillance and use of NHSN. Ms. Barclay recommended having a webinar with hospital IPs to discuss the results of the CLABSI audit and to solicit input from IPs on priority issues.

4. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at approximately 2:45 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for January 27, 2010.